a.) Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 132, lines 1-14 to read as follows:

Phenol (70.1 mg, 0.745 mmol) was dissolved in N,N-dimethylformamide (4 mL), and 60 % sodium hydride/mineral oil dispersion (26.3 mg, 0.658 mmol) and ~~3,4-dibromo~~ 4-Bromo-3-bromomethyl-1,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-2-phenylbenzene (98.4 mg, 0.221 mmol) obtained in the above were added thereto and stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Water and methanol were added to the reaction mixture, and extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was washed with aqueous saturated sodium chloride solution, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated away under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified through partitioning thin-layer chromatography (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to obtain 4-bromo-1,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3-phenoxy-2-phenylbenzene (108 mg, 100 %).

Please amend the paragraph at page 133, lines 6-16 to read as follows.

~~3,4-Dibromo~~ 4-Bromo-3-bromomethyl-1,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-2-phenylbenzene (91.5 mg, 0.205 mmol) obtained in the step 1 in Example 44 was dissolved in dimethylsulfoxide (2 mL), and sodium borohydride (27.0 mg, 0.714 mmol) was added thereto and stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was purified through column chromatography with HP-20 resin (Mitsubishi Chemical) (water to methanol to acetonitrile) and partitioning thin-layer chromatography (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to obtain 4-bromo-1,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3-methyl-2-phenylbenzene (69.6 mg, 92 %).

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 167, line 13 and ending at page 168, line 2 to read as follows.

~~3,4-Dibromo~~ 4-Bromo-3-bromomethyl-1,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-2-phenylbenzene (100 mg, 0.224 mmol) obtained in the step 1 in Example 44 was dissolved in N,N-dimethylformamide (5 mL), and 60 % sodium hydride/mineral oil dispersion (29.6 mg, 0.740 mmol) and 2-methoxyethanol (0.0707 mL, 0.897 mmol) were added thereto and stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Water and methanol was added to the reaction mixture, and extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was washed with aqueous saturated sodium chloride solution, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated away under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified through partitioning thin-layer chromatography (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 2/1) to obtain 4-bromo-3-[(2-methoxyethoxy)methyl]-1,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-2-phenylbenzene (73.6 mg, 74 %).

Please further amend the paragraph starting at page 177, line 21 and ending at page 178, line 8 to read as follows.

In an argon atmosphere, methyl 2-ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenylacetate (9.7 g, 26 mmol) obtained in the step 2 in Example 52 was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (50 mL), and the solution was cooled to 4°C, and then tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) suspension of lithium aluminium hydride (0.13 g, 34 mmol) was dropwise added thereto, taking 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred at 4°C for 1 hour, and then ~~anhydrous~~ sodium sulfate 10-hydrate (20 g) was added thereto and stirred for 3 hours with heating up to room temperature. The white suspension was filtered, and the filtrate was

concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain 2-[2-ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]ethanol (8.4 g, 94 %).

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 189, line 15 and ending at page 190, line 3 to read as follows.

In an argon atmosphere, methyl 3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-2-phenylphenylacetate (0.50 g, 1.4 mmol) obtained in the step 3 in Example 1 was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (0.10 L), and the solution was cooled to 4°C, and then lithium aluminium hydride (0.10 g, 2.6 mmol) was added thereto and stirred at 4°C for 0.5 hours. ~~Anhydrous sodium~~ Sodium sulfate 10-hydrate was added to the reaction mixture, and stirred for 1.5 hours with heating up to room temperature. The white suspension was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified through silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/n-hexane = 1/9 to 1/1) to obtain 2-[3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-2-phenylphenyl]ethanol (0.37 g, 81 %).

Please further amend the paragraph starting at page 384, line 13 and ending at page 385, line 3 to read as follows:

In an argon atmosphere, methyl 3-[2-iodo-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]propanoate (2.9 g, 6.0 mmol) obtained in the step 1 in Example 186 was dissolved in toluene (100 mL), and bis(tri-o-tolylphosphine)palladium(II) dichloride (940 mg, 1.2 mmol) and tributylvinyltin (3.8 g, 12 mmol) were added thereto and stirred at 100°C for 12 hours. The reaction liquid was poured into aqueous ammonium fluoride

solution, and stirred for one full day, and then filtered through Celite. Activated charcoal was added to the filtrate and stirred for 3 hours, and then filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified through ~~preparative~~ silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to obtain methyl 3-[3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenyl-2-vinylphenyl]propanoate (2.0 g, 87 %).

Please further amend the paragraph starting at page 386, line 16 and ending at page 387, line 6 to read as follows:

3-[2-Ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]propanoic acid (250 mg, 0.67 mmol) obtained in the above was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL), and 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (130 mg, 0.67 mmol) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (100 mg, 0.67 mmol) were added thereto and stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Methanol solution (3.0 mL) of 7.0 mol/L ammonia was added to the reaction solution, and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Water was added to the reaction liquid, and extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated away under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified through ~~preparative~~ silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/n-hexane = 2/1) to obtain 3-[2-ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]propanamide (190 mg, 76 %).

Please amend the paragraph at page 610, lines 7-8 to read as follows.

5-[2-(2,3-Dihydroxypropoxy)ethyl]-6-ethyl-4-(6-methoxy-1H-indazol-3-yl)benzene-1,3-diol ~~(Compound 329)~~ (Compound 330)